

BOARD OF INQUIRY

1. I hereby constitute a Board of Inquiry for the case of Francis Gary Powers. The Board is composed of:

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Mr. Lawrence R. Houston, General Counsel, CIA,
Counsel
Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, CIA,
Security Adviser

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2. The purpose of the Board is to determine whether in the light of all the ascertainable circumstances Powers, having been dispatched on a mission which ended with him in the custody of the Soviet authorities, acted in accordance with the terms of his employment, and instructions and briefings pursuant thereto, from the time he started the mission until his release. The Board will also consider whether Powers complied with his obligations as an American citizen during this same period. The Board will not be concerned with the U-2 project as a whole, the political aspects thereof, or the timing of the particular flight which resulted in Powers' capture except insofar as Powers might have knowledge of classified information in these fields. It would be necessary for the Board to come to a conclusion as to whether he was able to keep from divulging such classified information or whether he revealed such information to the Soviets without resisting sufficiently to meet with his obligations. The Board's findings of fact and conclusions, together with whatever recommendations the Board deems appropriate, will be submitted solely and directly to me.

3. All components of the Agency are directed to comply fully with the requirements of the Board for information pertinent to its inquiry. Such witnesses as the Board may wish to hear and who are willing to testify, including Powers, will be made available to the Board. The Secretary to the Board will be responsible for coordinating such requirements and shall also arrange for provision of such facilities and equipment as may be needed by the Board.